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¶B. SECSTATE 4836

Classified By: Joseph Y. Yun, A/DCM. Reasons 1.4 (b/d)

¶1. (C) In response to the ROKG's demarche objecting to China's anti-satellite test (Ref A), the Chinese Foreign Ministry contacted the ROK Embassy in Beijing to convey the following points:

-- China confirms that it had conducted a test in space on January 11;

-- The test was not aimed at any country, nor did it constitute a threat to any country;

-- China's space activities are peaceful in nature;

-- Beijing will continue adhere to the policy of peaceful use of space and will cooperate with all nation toward this end;

-- Beijing has not and will not support an arms race in space;

-- MOFA took note of the ROKG's concern that there was no prior notification; this concern will be conveyed to the relevant Chinese authorities.

¶2. (SBU) The above information was provided by MOFAT DG Cho Byung-je to A/DCM.
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